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Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-first session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, by which it decided to establish the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Recalling also its resolution 55/200 of 20 December 2000 on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme,

Recalling further the Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme[1] and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[2]

Taking note of the progress being made by the United Nations Environment Programme in preparation for the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-first session;[3]

2. *Welcomes* the efforts already made to realize the objectives of the Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme, supports the early and full implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/242 of 28 July 1999, and requests that the report of the Environmental Management Group be made available to the Member States;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/52/25), annex, decision 19/1, annex.

[2] See resolution 55/2.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/56/25).

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3. *Notes* the ongoing process initiated by decision 21/21 of 9 February 2001 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on establishing an open-ended intergovernmental group of ministers or their representatives on international environmental governance, whose outcome will be submitted to the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development for consideration at its third session;

4. *Underlines* the need for sufficient financial resources on a stable and predictable basis to ensure the full implementation of the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider, with a view to strengthening the United Nations Environment Programme, a substantial increase in the budgetary allocation for the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Office at Nairobi in the United Nations regular budget for the biennium 2002-2003.